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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q64574

Hirobumi AOKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/869,142

Group Art Unit: 1652

Confirmation No.: 1209

Examiner: Christian L. FRONDA

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For: NOVEL RHODOCOCCLUS BACTERIUM, NITRILASE GENE, NITRYL HYDRATASE  
GENE AND AMIDASE GENE FROM RHODOCOCCLUS BACTERIUM, AND  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CARBOXYLIC ACIDS USING THEM

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of one month,  
extending the time for responding to the Office Action of September 9, 2004 to January 10, 2005 (January  
9, 2005 being a Sunday).

A check for the statutory fee of \$120.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to  
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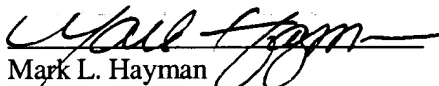
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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